Biobased Tomorrow

FAQ







Frequently asked questions

Why should I participate?

You will have the opportunity to (i) connect and network with relevant stakeholders (e.g., the municipalities participating in the challenges), (ii) participate in workshops (in phase 2) to help develop your idea into a prototype and a business case, (iii) win a package of benefits to test your proposal (e.g., laboratorial analyses, pilot-scale tests), scale it up, and/or plan the development of your existing product or business into the context of the target Danish and Swedish municipalities.

How will I participate/take part in each step?

You will work on a proposal in phase 1, at the idea level, showing it's potential to solve the challenge and be a sustainable business. If selected for phase 2, you will participate in a 2-day workshop including follow-up meetings afterwards. You will also have direct contact with relevant partners to further develop your idea. At the final event, you will pitch your idea and we will announce the winners.

What is my idea going to be evaluated on?

All proposals will be evaluated in terms of (i) suitability, thus whether it fits the challenge and to what extent, (ii) feasibility, thus whether it can be done in terms of technology, financial aspects, scalability, and whether the team behind it has the capability of carrying it out, and (iii) acceptability, thus whether stakeholders will accept it, considering socio-economic and environmental impacts and risks.

Can the proposals submitted to Biobased Tomorrow (BBT) only be about waste biomass (grass or the seaweed or eelgrass that is washed up on shore) or can they involve harvested biomass?

BBT focuses on the waste (or surplus) biomasses seaweed, eelgrass, and grass clippings. If an idea is suitable to harvested biomass, it can many times be applied to the waste biomass as well, in which case, we suggest that the proposal focuses on how the waste biomass can be used. Harvested biomass is outside the scope of BBT.

If my proposal has an international perspective, can I submit it, or does it need to focus on local opportunities?

The focus of Biobased Tomorrow (BBT) is on how to create value locally, and how an idea can become a sustainable business in the local context. There are no restrictions on the outreach of the proposed idea (e.g., with international outreach). However, the proposal should also show the potential of creating value locally, which should be emphasized in the proposal.

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If we have interesting findings in relation to the project, is that something you would help to share, or is that up to the participants to share?

The Organising Team of Biobased Tomorrow (BBT), supported by the organization of the project Power Bio, will lead communication efforts to help communicate and promote relevant findings from BBT.

If my idea contains a trade secret, how can I protect it? Can we request a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)? If we have that kind of technology, can it be used in this project, or do we have to think about new solutions?

If you have something you consider a trade secret, you should not bring the specific details into the project. You are welcome to describe it in a way where you do not disclose what you consider a secret. As Biobased Tomorrow is part of a publicly/funded project (Power Bio) we cannot enter into NDAs with specific participants.

Can you provide some information on the package of benefits we can get from the project?

The winners will receive a package of benefits, which will comprise of a range of possibilities offered by Danish Technological Institute (DTI), Business Lolland Falster (BLF) and the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). The winning teams will be able to assemble their package according to their needs and in agreement with the organisation team of BBT, according to availability, using up to 50 points. A complete list of the potential benefits (and equivalent points) that can be used to assemble the package can be seen in Appendix 2 of the call for proposals (https://gate21.dk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Call-for-proposals-and-appendices.pdf).

Can there be more than one winner?

We can only offer one package of benefits to each challenge. Therefore, there can be only one winner per challenge.

How can participants contact the project partners?

The main contacts are Sara Bach (<u>sara.bach@gate21.dk</u>) from Gate 21 and Rodrigo Salvador (<u>rodsa@dtu.dk</u>) from DTU, who can be contacted by email. They will coordinate contact with other relevant partners according to the request.

Contact

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